



## Sponsored by the 'Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park'

### 'Summer Wildlife Days' 2010 Maine Wildlife Park Event Calendar



*These special displays may be viewed from approximately 11:00am to 2:00pm unless otherwise noted.*

- Saturday May 1** **Moose Madness Day:** View "The Final Charge", a museum-quality re-creation of the final battle between 2 adult bull moose that had rammed antlers and became locked together. Usually on display at LL Bean in Freeport, the locked moose will be at the wildlife park **through Sunday, May 9**. In addition, 92 MOOSE radio will be on hand from 10am-1pm for a remote broadcast, giving away prizes and passes; participate in MOOSE MADNESS activities, games, moose art and displays throughout the day!
- Saturday May 8** **Learn about Lobsters:** with Captain Tom & crew from the Portland lobster boat **Lucky Catch**. See how that tasty treat gets from the bottom of the ocean to your dinner plate. Hear about lobster habits and conservation efforts; learn about hard shells, shedders, short, culls & keepers; lots of live lobsters plus other cool sea critters!  
[www.luckycatch.com](http://www.luckycatch.com)
- Saturday May 15** **Endangered Species Coalition:** Get ready for Endangered Species Day on May 21st. Learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and everyday actions that people can take to help protect our nation's disappearing wildlife and last remaining open spaces. [www.stopextinction.org](http://www.stopextinction.org)
- Saturday May 22** **Loki Clan Wolf Refuge:** Learn about wolves with this special exhibit. This facility, located on the Maine – New Hampshire border, provides a safe haven for wolf-dogs, where they are able to live out their lives in pack situations. All animals here are housed in large, natural enclosures; an ideal life for these special canines.  
[www.lokiclan.com](http://www.lokiclan.com)
- Sat-Mon. May 29-31** **Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park Annual Plant Sale:** The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects and enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual and perennial flowers, vegetables and floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available all day each day. [www.friendsofmainewildlifepark.com](http://www.friendsofmainewildlifepark.com)
- Saturday, June 5** **Trails End & Avian Taxidermy:** Taxidermy is a method of reproducing a life-like, 3-dimensional rendition of a mammal, bird or fish for permanent display. Come and see a variety of examples of this delicate art with local taxidermists Dana Soucier and Tom Berube representing the Maine Association of Taxidermists. Dana will demonstrate the process of mounting a deer head and Tom will demonstrate how to mount waterfowl, both from start to finish. [www.trailsendtaxidermystudio.com](http://www.trailsendtaxidermystudio.com)
- Saturday June 12** **Fly Tying & Fly Casting with Trout Unlimited:** Sebago Trout Unlimited (TU) Chapter members will be on hand to teach these popular fishing techniques. Learn to cast, then tie a fly, and you can bring it home to try on your next fishing trip! [www.sebagotu.org](http://www.sebagotu.org)
- Saturday June 19** **TIM SAMPLE & Fish and Wildlife Day:** Widely acknowledged to be New England's premier native humorist, Tim Sample's books, albums, and videos (including four albums and a video for the Bert and I company) have sold well over a million copies. Over the years, Tim has performed thousands of shows in venues as diverse as the Los Angeles Convention Center, the Mall of America, the New York Yacht Club & the Caribou Performing Arts Center. Show times today will include two 50 minute performances between 10:30am-12:30pm. In addition, come talk with the professionals that preserve, protect and manage Maine's wildlife for you! Join Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists, game wardens, safety and hatchery staff with a variety of special fish & wildlife exhibits and displays. 9:30am-3:30pm  
[www.timsample.com](http://www.timsample.com) [www.mefishwildlife.com](http://www.mefishwildlife.com) Sponsored by: *Gems of Rt 26, Cole Farms Restaurant, Friends of Maine Wildlife Park & other local businesses*
- Saturday June 26** **Learn about the Ancient Art of Falconry:** Did you know that falcons are nature's fastest flyers? Or that these birds have been known to migrate over 10,000 miles? Join Larry Barnes, a licensed Maine Master Falconer, with an exhibit featuring Peregrine Falcons. Meet a live Peregrine Falcon up close, and learn about their life history and ecology. Do they mate for life? How long do they live? Why are they an endangered species in Maine? You will be able to take photos of this magnificent raptor.  
[www.longwingeducation.com](http://www.longwingeducation.com)
- Saturday July 3** **Meet a Live Bald Eagle:** Join Maine Wildlife Park staffers Pam and Nikki Richardson with live Bald Eagle 'Lawrence' from 11am - 12noon, & at 1:30pm, to learn about eagles in Maine. (Show times subject to change depending upon the eagle's comfort) This native Maine bald eagle is now 5 years old, and has the white head and tail of an adult bird. He is impressive to see and photograph up close!
- Saturday July 10** **Ducks Unlimited** is the world's leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation; conserving, restoring and managing wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people too. Learn more about 'DU' in Maine and get the latest information on habitat conservation projects and membership opportunities. [www.ducks.org/states/47](http://www.ducks.org/states/47)
- Saturday July 17** **Maine Warden Service Day:** District game wardens will be on hand with the Wall of Shame mobile exhibit, K-9 teams, representatives of the Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team. Learn what it takes to become a Maine Game Warden, and come with your questions for the men and women charged with the protection of the wildlife, woods and waters and people of the state. [www.maine gamewarden.com](http://www.maine gamewarden.com)
- Saturday July 24** **Wear Your 'PJ's' Night Visit:** 7:30-9:30pm What do you do to get ready for bed? You're invited to wear your pajamas to a night visit at the park; play nocturnal wildlife games and take a short learning tour about how our animals prepare for and survive during the hours between dusk and dawn. Special owl, big cat and bat exhibits. Regular admission fees. (Call office FMI 657-4977 if raining) *The Nature Store & Snack Shack will be open for snacks & souvenirs!*
- Saturday July 31** **Biodiversity Institute:** 'BRI' is a leader in creative, interactive education and works to personalize wildlife issues among students, educators, scientists and the public. By harnessing the power of state-of-the-art technology, people are connected to wildlife and ecological science through the use of BRI webcams with 24hr live streaming video of nesting eagles, loons, osprey and peregrine falcons. [www.briloon.org](http://www.briloon.org)
- Sat/Sun. Aug. 7-8** **Native American POW WOW - Honor the Animals!** Representatives of several Maine & New England tribes will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers and traditional food booths. Special events will be presented throughout each day. Grand Entry both Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon. This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about Maine's Native American culture and heritage. (All day, rain or shine).
- Saturday Aug. 14** **Maine Bow Association Youth Archery:** Join Jerome Richards, certified Firearm, Bow & Crossbow Hunter Safety Instructor, and his wife Jean for some hands-on fun with archery! The Richards will provide instruction, set up archery targets, and have a variety of bows for you to try out. This is great way for you and your kids to try your hands at a new and increasingly popular sport. [www.mainebowhunters.org](http://www.mainebowhunters.org)
- Saturday Aug. 21** **Freeport Wild Bird Supply:** Enjoy birds? Enjoy feeding birds? Enjoying watching birds? Enjoy backyard birds and wildlife? Then this is the program for you! Locally owned and operated by Jeannette and Derek Lovitch, Freeport Wild Bird Supply strives to be more than a place to buy seed, but a place to make friends, exchange information, and enjoy birds and nature together. Jeannette and Derek have developed careers working with birds as biologists and naturalists. They'll bring their knowledge and passion for birds to share with you today! [www.freeportwildbirdsupply.com](http://www.freeportwildbirdsupply.com)
- Saturday Aug. 28** **Maine Woodsman Day:** Join Maine Custom Wood Sculpture's **Bill Fournier** as he uses a chain saw to create eagles, bears and more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. Also see Ron Carlson whose lifelong chainsaw carving hobby became a business; and now thousands of pieces later, Ron specializes in carving bears and will have a variety of carvings on exhibit and for sale. Bring your cameras and your earplugs! Finished pieces will be for sale. The Streaked Mountain Wood Carvers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching, preserving and promoting the art of woodcarving, will also be on hand to display a variety of wildlife carving methods, and there will be hands-on SOAP CARVING for the kids! Also Dave Bryant, member of the **Ancient Ones**, will be demonstrating and allowing you to try the ancient art of hatchet-throwing. [www.maine woodcarvers.org](http://www.maine woodcarvers.org) [www.theancientonesofmaine.com](http://www.theancientonesofmaine.com)
- Saturday Sept. 4** **Landscaping For Wildlife with Skillin's Greenhouses:** Expert native landscaping staff will be on hand with a wide selection of native shrubs, small trees and other plants that are hardy and attractive, while providing food and shelter for our birds and wildlife. These quality plants are on sale and ready to install into your yard or landscape. [www.skillins.com](http://www.skillins.com)
- Saturday Sept. 11** **Rick Charette Concert!** As a singer and songwriter, Rick Charette has been capturing the hearts and spirits of young and old alike with his delightful and inspiring children's songs. His performances blend original contemporary pop music and lyrics with imaginative activities that generate all kinds of audience participation. Many songs he will perform here will relate to Maine's wild animals! **Concert 11am-12noon rain or shine:** Rick will sign autographs and sell CDs after the show.  
[www.pinepoint.com/rick](http://www.pinepoint.com/rick) Sponsored by: *Harvest Hill Farms, Gray Physical Therapy, US & Co. Computers & other local businesses*
- Sunday Sept. 12** **National Grandparent's Day:** National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day, and was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members
- Friday & Saturday Nights!! October 22 & 23** **HALLOWEENFEST:** 6:00-9:00PM Celebrate Halloween with the Park's native wildlife! Get into the spooky spirit! Special Halloween Displays! Haunted Hay Rides! Wear your costumes! Games and Door Prizes! Regular Admission Fees. (Call office FMI 657-4977 if raining) *The Nature Store and Snack Shack will be open for spooky snacks & souvenirs!*
- Thursday Nov. 11** **Veterans Day/Closing Day for the Park:** Free admission for U.S. Military personnel and Veterans and their immediate family members on our last day of the season.

*Our picnic shelters and Outdoor Classroom may be reserved for parties, special occasions, family gatherings and more!*

*School wildlife programs and tours are available*

*Consider **volunteering** at the wildlife park. There are opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners and store clerks in the snack shack and nature store.*

*FMI, please call 207-657-4977 x 0*